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Prior to examination on the merits, please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of United States Provisional Application No. 60/203,795, filed on May 12, 2000. --

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